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In re Application of

December 6, 2004

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Serial No. : 10/645,831 Art Unit 2854

Filed : August 20, 2003 Examiner Minh H. Chau

For : LABELING METHODS AND APPARATUS

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22202-3513

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated November 16, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification	None
Amendments to the Claims	Begin on page 2
Amendments to the Drawings	None
Remarks	Begin on page

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REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office action dated November 16, 2004. Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. In the Office action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-14, objected to claims 16-18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and rejected claim 15. The Examiner indicated that claims 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claims 16-18 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of original claim 15. Claim 15 has been cancelled to expedite issuance of the allowed claims. Applicants respectfully reserve all right to prosecute claim 15 in a subsequent continuation application.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent via facsimile to Art Unit 2854, Attention: Examiner Minh H. Chau, fax number (703) 872-9306 on December 6, 2004.


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Respectfully submitted,


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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	18	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	18 minus 20 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 =	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

12/6/04 CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR PRESENT EXTRA
Total	*	17 Minus	** 20 = —
Independent	*	5 Minus	*** 3 = 2
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

1, 12, 16, 17, 18

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR PRESENT EXTRA
Total	*	Minus	** =
Independent	*	Minus	*** =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR PRESENT EXTRA
Total	*	Minus	** =
Independent	*	Minus	*** =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

- * If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
- ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
- *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.

SMALL ENTITY TYPE		OTHER THAN OR SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
BASIC FEE	385.00	OR BASIC FEE	770.00
X\$ 9=	0	OR X\$18=	
X43=	0	OR X86=	
+145=	0	OR +290=	
TOTAL	385	OR TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	—	OR X\$18=	—
X43=	88	OR X86=	
+145=	—	OR +290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	88	OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE		ADDITIONAL FEE	
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X43=		OR X86=	
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE		ADDITIONAL FEE	
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X43=		OR X86=	
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	